



Budget Unit: Offender Reentry Program

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Purpose

The [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC) applies for and receives grants from the [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) to provide reentry services in both Institutions and Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments. This Budget Unit is used to administer the grants by processing offender reentry grant receipts and expenditures.

The majority of the funding received by the DOC is from the BJA under the 2008 [Second Chance Act](#) (Public Law No.110-199). This federal law provides grants to state and local governments as well as nonprofit organizations to provide transition services as offenders are released from prison and return to local communities. The purpose is to reduce recidivism by enhancing services for offenders released from State prisons, local jails, or juvenile detention centers.

Funding

The DOC has concentrated on administering grants that provide services to offenders with high recidivism rates, such as those with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. The DOC has received several reentry grants that flow through this Budget Unit. The DOC received a \$592,495 multiyear grant award that provided treatment services in [Black Hawk County \(First CBC District Department\)](#) for high-risk male offenders with co-occurring disorders. The grant period started in October 2011 and ends in September of 2014. The DOC contracted with the First CBC District Department, Spectrum Health Services, and the Black Hawk County Grundy Mental Health Center for services, and with the [Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division](#) (CJJPD) for program evaluation services.

The DOC received a \$2.5 million multiyear grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice's Second Chance Act grant funds. The grant will support staff and treatment costs in the [Fifth CBC District Department](#). The original grant period started in October 2012 but implementation was delayed. The grant period started in September 2013 and ends in March 2016. The grant focuses on reentry of offenders to the community, to reduce recidivism, provide reentry services, conduct research, and evaluate the impact of reentry programs. The grant provides treatment and supervision staff to monitor and provide services for up to 500 male offenders of moderate to high risk.

The DOC recently received a \$140,000 grant from the [National Governor's Association](#) for a pilot project, Cross Boundary Supervision, that will allow the DOC and [Evelry Ball Mental Health Services](#) to share patient/offender mental health information via the [Criminal Justice Information System](#) administered by the CJJPD. The grant award period is from February 2014 through January 2015. Successful implementation of this project will permit mental health and substance abuse treatment information to be seamlessly shared between the DOC and its service providers as the offender progresses through the corrections system (while on probation, parole, or in prison).

Refer to the [Offender Reentry](#) tab on the [DOC website](#) for additional information regarding the DOC offender reentry efforts and initiatives.

Refer to the **Fiscal Topic**, [Budget Unit: Adult Correctional Institutions](#) for a brief description of each of the nine prisons. Refer to the **Issue Review**, [State Prison System Budget](#) for more in-depth information regarding the operating budgets of the Institutions.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904r](#)

Iowa Administrative Code: [201 IAC](#)

More Information

Budget Schedules and Related Documents

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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